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Dates: August 15-16,

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48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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Study #5080j
NBC News Clinton Poll
August 1998

1. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	8/15- 16/98	7/29/9 8	7/25- 27/98	6/98	4/98	2/98	1/98	12/97	High 2/98	Low 6/93	
Approve.....	70	68	64	63	66	66	62	59	66	41	[138]
Disapprove.....	24	27	30	30	29	28	30	33	28	50	
Not sure.....	6	5	6	7	5	6	8	8	6	9	

2. How would you rate your feelings toward (READ NAME) -- very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative?

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Bill Clinton							[139]
August 15-16, 1998.....	22	24	20	16	18	-	
July 25-27, 1998.....	24	26	17	15	18	-	
June 1998.....	24	30	14	12	20	-	
April 1998.....	27	29	13	11	19	1	
April 2, 1998.....	23	21	20	13	22	1	
February 1998.....	29	28	14	12	17	-	
January 17-19, 1998.....	21	36	15	13	15	-	
December 1997.....	21	34	16	13	15	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1994.....	13	28	18	18	23	-	
Hillary Rodham Clinton							[140]
August 15-16, 1998.....	29	23	25	10	12	1	
July 25-27, 1998.....	22	24	25	13	14	2	
June 1998.....	26	22	21	11	19	1	
April 1998.....	26	25	19	13	16	1	
February 1998.....	27	25	19	11	17	1	
January 17-19, 1998.....	20	25	21	16	16	2	
December 1997.....	18	26	23	14	17	2	
<i>High</i>							

January 1993.....	27	30	21	8	8	6
Low						
May 1996+.....	14	20	19	17	27	3

+ Asked only of registered voters.

3. As you may know, President Clinton has agreed to testify on Monday to the federal grand jury investigating his alleged relationship with Monica Lewinsky. Do you think that it is or is not necessary for President Clinton to testify?

Necessary for Clinton to testify.....	54	[141]
Not necessary for Clinton to testify.....	42	
Not sure.....	4	

4. President Clinton has publicly denied having a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky. Do you believe President Clinton on this matter, or not?

Believe President Clinton.....	19	[142]
Do not believe President Clinton.....	63	
Not sure.....	18	

5. Do you think that President Clinton should or should not speak to the public about his testimony to the federal grand jury?

Should speak.....	56	[143]
Should not speak.....	37	
Not sure.....	7	

6. Suppose that President Clinton were now to admit that he had a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky and apologize to the nation for having previously denied this. In that case, do you think that Congress should or should not begin impeachment hearings?

Congress should begin impeachment hearings.....	27	[144]
Congress should not begin impeachment hearings.....	67	
Not sure.....	6	

7. If there is evidence that the President does not tell the entire truth to the federal grand jury on Monday about his alleged relationship with Monica Lewinsky, do you think that this is or is not serious enough for Congress to begin impeachment hearings?

Is serious enough to begin impeachment hearings.....	46	[145]
Is not serious enough to begin impeachment hearings...	49	
Not sure.....	5	

8. In his testimony to the grand jury on Monday, do you think that President Clinton should or should not have the right to refuse to answer certain questions about his personal life?

Yes, should have the right.....	69	[146]
No, should not have the right.....	28	
Not sure.....	3	

9. Are the recent allegations that President Clinton may have lied about having a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky: (a) a private matter that is strictly between the President and his family, or (b) a public matter that is a valid subject for Special Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr to investigate?

A private matter/strictly between the President and his family...	63	[147]
A public matter/valid subject for Kenneth Starr.....	33	
Neither/other (VOL).....	2	

Not sure..... 2

10. Do you think that the recent allegations against President Clinton are or are not affecting his ability to lead the country?

Yes, are affecting his ability.....	52	[148]
No, are not affecting his ability.....	44	
Not sure.....	4	

FACTUALS: Now I have a few more questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group

18-24.....	8	50-54.....	8	[149]
25-29.....	10	55-59.....	8	
30-34.....	10	60-64.....	7	
35-39.....	10	65 and over.....	17	[150]
40-44.....	11	Refused.....	1	
45-49.....	10			

- F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	18	[151]
Not very strong Democrat.....	13	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly independent.....	20	
Independent/lean Republican.....	8	
Not very strong Republican.....	12	
Strong Republican.....	12	
Other.....	5	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

- F3. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$20,000.....	10	[152]
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	14	
Between \$30,000 and \$50,000.....	26	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	21	
More than \$75,000.....	17	
Not sure/refused.....	12	

- F4. Finally, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? (IF "NO," ASK:) What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	7	[153]
White.....	77	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	2	
Other.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	